



### RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect group II claims 4, 9-11, 20 and 21, with traverse with respect to group I. The product is claimed as a catalyst. The process claims require the use of the catalyst. For example, claim 2 recites a catalyst and claim 4 recites a general process of using that catalyst. Applicants agree with the Examiner that the engineered catalyst can be used in an exothermic reaction such as the oxidation of hydrocarbons. However, an exothermic reaction is not a materially different process - to the contrary, it is within the scope of the claims such as process claim 4. The process claims recite any catalytic use of the claimed catalyst. Thus, the product as claimed cannot be used in a materially different process; and the restriction of groups I and II should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to speak to Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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